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SUBJ: 62ND ECOSOC: ITEM 7: TRANSPORT QUESTIONS

REF: RIEMER/POOLE, RIEMER/JOHE TELCONS

1. IN OPENING MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF THE 62ND ECOSOC, UK DELEGATION NOTED IT WOULD BE PRESENTING RESOLUTION ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS. US, FRG, PAKISTAN(ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77) AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ISO (INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION) SPOKE ON THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON CONTAINER STANDARDS.

2. US REMARKS WERE ON LINES DISCUSSED IN TELCONS AND CONCLUDED WITH SUGGESTION THAT THERE BE SOME LANGUAGE IN THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE REFERRING TO THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BOTH IN FACILITATING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ISO AND IN ADAPTING TO THE NEEDS OF CONTAINERIZATION IN GENERAL. FRG SUGGESTED THAT SOME LANGUAGE REFER TO THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS IN THIS RESPECT. ISO REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED SOME MORE PRECISE THOUGHTS ON LANGUAGE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

"ECOSOC REQUESTS THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO PAY

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PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE CONSTRAINTS PREVENTING THE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE WORK OF ISO AND TO WAYS AND MEANS TO OVERCOMING THESE CONSTRAINTS INCLUDING THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS." PAKISTANI DELEGATION REMARKS, WHILE PRELIMINARY, CAST DOUBT THAT GROUP OF 77 WILL BE WILLING TO GO BEYOND THE LANGUAGE SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 81 OF THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC

INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP (TD/B/AC.20/6).

3. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION MILLS (AMBASSADOR MILLS OF JAMAICA) SUGGESTED THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BE HELD ON TEXT OF EVENTUAL ECOSOC RESOLUTION. THE MISSION EXPECTS, HOWEVER, THAT G-77 UNWILLINGNESS TO GO BEYOND LANGUAGE TRANSMITTING THE REPORT TO THE (TBD) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD WILL BE FIRM AND THAT PROBABLY LITTLE OR NO INFORMAL CONSULTATION WILL TAKE PLACE. MOST G-77 REPRESENTATIVES ARE UNINSTRUCTED AND/OR UNINTERESTED IN THE ISSUE AND WILL THEREFORE BE AUTOMATICALLY UNWILLING TO ENTER INTO TERRAIN SKETCHED OUT FOR THEM BY THE LIKES OF THE US, FRG AND ISO. AS PER TELCONS, MISSION WILL BE PREPARED TO JOIN CONSENSUS TRANSMITTING THE REPORT TO THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD BUT WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE LINES OF PARA 3 ON PAGE 2 OF POSITION PAPER.

4. IN THE EVENT THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS DO TAKE PLACE, MISSION PROPOSES TO FOLLOW UP ON ITS GENERAL STATEMENT BY PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE (IN ADDITION TO LANGUAGE REFERRING REPORT TO TDB): "REQUESTS THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN COOPERATION WITH COMPETENT ORGANS OF THE UN SECRETARIAT, THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SUCH AS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) AS WELL AS ISO TO CONSIDER MEANS OF BETTER RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO CONTAINERIZATION AND THE WORK OF ISO." PLEASE ADVISE ON THIS TEXT.

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